

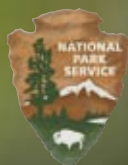
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SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS NATIONAL RECREATION AREA



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Spirit of the Mountains Photo Contest
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Questions?

To find out more info on a program or event: look for the acronym (for example, CCD stands for Cold Creek Docents) at the end of the program description, then see **Page 2** for the agency or organization to call.

You may also contact:

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Visitor Center
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(closed on some holidays)

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Inside Story

Our park was recently identified in a research article as an area that will suffer from particularly large climate impacts. Our weather is expected to be more variable in the future, especially with respect to rainfall with heavy rain years followed by historically unprecedented droughts.



Christy Brigham, Division Chief of Planning, Science, & Resource Management at Santa Monica Mountains Mountain National Recreation Area has been reviewing quite a bit of literature on climate change impacts in California. Here are some of the more 'meaty' data about our particular area that caught her eye:

You will see climate change impacts within your lifetime. Models for California show temperature and precipitation changes by 2020.



Six different climate models for California all show temperature increases of between 1.35 and 2.0 degrees Celsius by 2049.

Due to increasing aridity and increased fire frequency, models predict a decrease in shrubland and an increase in grassland within California by 2035.

By 2049, the projected sea level rise for California varies between 9 and 13 centimeters.



Although there is variability in the magnitude of the effect, the consensus of models for California show AT LEAST a doubling of summer heat wave days by 2049 for Los Angeles (from a mean of 12 days in 1961-1990 to at least 24 days in 2049).



At Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area, park staff are working with partners and the public to conduct climate change research and education programs, implement greenhouse gas footprint reduction projects, and understand how to protect our fragile resources from the impacts of climate change.

An Eye on Climate Change

Malibu Lagoon State Beach Adamson House Docent Training

Learn how to share Malibu's fascinating history with the public and how to conduct guided tours of the Historic Adamson House.

Group or individual training available. FEE. Reservations Required. 12 hours.

Malibu Lagoon
Museum Docents
310-456-8432

THU 4/1 8am
Cheeseboro/Palo Comado Canyons
Thursday Hikers: Shepherds' Flat Join us on a moderately-paced 9-10 mile hike. Bring 2 qts water, lunch, lugsoles, hat, and sunscreen. Rain cancels. Info: 818-981-4799. 5hrs SC

SAT 4/3 8:30am
Santa Monica Mountains
Trail Work Help build and maintain trails. Tools and instructions provided. Bring gloves, water, lunch, and sturdy footwear. For meeting place, call 310-559-3126. 5.5hrs SC

SAT 4/3 8:30am
Santa Monica Mountains
Trail Work Help repair trails. Bring lunch, water, work gloves, long-sleeve shirt, and eye protection. For work location, call 818-222-4531. 6hrs SMMTC

SAT 4/3 9am
Malibu Creek State Park
Introduction to Mountain Bike Skills Learn backcountry preparedness, shared-use etiquette, and riding fundamentals. Mountain bike and helmet required. Heavy rain cancels. Info: www.corbambt.com or 805-558-1606. 4hrs CORBA

SAT 4/3 9:30am
Cold Creek Preserve - Lower Stunt High Trail
First Saturday Walk Enjoy a glorious spring walk-about along a streamside trail and through oak woodlands to a chaparral basin set amidst sandstone peaks. 2hrs CCD

SAT 4/3 10am
Franklin Canyon - Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr
Franklin's Movie Magic This site has been the backdrop for such classics as *When a Stranger Calls*, *It Happened One Night*, and *The Andy Griffith Show*. Go on location with Naturalist Diane on this easy walk. 2hrs MRCA

Wildflower Show, Wildflower Walks and Native Plant Sale

Malibu Bluffs Park
Saturday and Sunday April 3 - 4
10am to 4pm

Enjoy the display of native wildflowers from botanical and home gardens. Purchase plants, books, posters and more. At 1pm each day, participate in a 2-hour guided walk around the park and along the ocean. CMPRD/CNPS

SUN 4/4 8am
Topanga State Park
Audubon Bird Walk Buffs and beginners will enjoy discovering the ways of the birds. Bring binoculars, hat, bird book optional, water and a snack. Info: 310-455-1401. 2.5hrs LAAS

SUN 4/4 9:30am
Paramount Ranch
From Set to Screen Illusions and hard work turn a dusty set into a realistic town. Join us on this easy-paced walk to discover movie magic and the history of Paramount Ranch. 1hr NPS

SUN 4/4 10am
Franklin Canyon - Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr
Kids' Hands at Franklin Ages 3-8 accompanied by an adult, join naturalist Lucy on a stroll and get inspired for your nature art project. 2hrs MRCA

SUN 4/4 1pm
Topanga State Park
Springtime Splendor On this stroll with a docent naturalist, see what's blooming under oaks and in the grasslands. 2hrs TCD

SUN 4/4 1pm
Franklin Canyon - Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr
Canyon Poses - Yoga in the Park Families with children age 3 and up, join naturalist Sol and her Junior Ranger daughters for a new way of communing with nature. Bring a pillow, towel and light blanket. 1hr MRCA

TUE 4/6 9am
Malibu Creek State Park
Moderate Hikers Paramount Ranch Join us on a 9-mile, 1200' gain hike to movie sets at Paramount Ranch. Bring water and lunch. Rain cancels. Info: 310-477-9664. 4hrs SC

Humboldt Lily by Nina Hungerland, Spirit of the Mountains Photo Contest 2009 Winner - 2nd Place, Young Photographers Category

SAT 4/10 8:30am
Santa Monica Mountains
Trail Work Help build and maintain trails. Tools and instructions provided. Bring gloves, water, lunch, and sturdy footwear. For meeting place, call 310-559-3126. 5.5hrs SC

SAT 4/10 8:30am
Santa Monica Mountains
Trail Work Help repair trails. Bring lunch, water, work gloves, long-sleeve shirt, and eye protection. For work location, call 818-222-4531. 6hrs SMMTC

SAT 4/10 8:45am
Topanga State Park
Lower Topanga Park Restoration Help plant, water and weed. Receive credit for community service. Bring water, and snack; wear sturdy footwear. Reservations required: volunteer@treepeople.org or 818-591-1701 x203. 3.5hrs MRT/CNPS/TP

SAT 4/10 9am
Circle X Ranch - Mishe Mokwa Trailhead
What's Blooming at 2000'? Look for uncommon species of wildflowers on the trail to Split Rock. Join us on a 4-mile roundtrip hike with options to go further. Wear durable shoes and bring water, lunch, hat, and sunscreen. 4-5hrs NPS

SAT 4/10 9:30am
Topanga State Park
Paint-Out Join other artists, any media and level, to paint mountain vistas and meadows in bloom. Meet in parking lot (look for red flag). Info: www.allied-artists.com or 310-383-1374. 4hrs AASMM



SAT 4/10 9:30am
Headwaters Corner
Youth Naturalist Program: Endangered and Threatened Species Ages 8-12, learn what causes species to become threatened or endangered and how we can help. Bring lunch, water, and wear sturdy shoes. Fee. Pre-registration required: www.mountainstrust.org or 818-591-1701x212. 3hrs MRT

SAT 4/10 2pm
Franklin Canyon - Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr
Speak for the Trees Kids of all ages will enjoy this playful and interactive program devoted to all things with woody trunks, roots, branches and leaves or needles. 2hrs MRCA

SAT 4/10 3pm
King Gillette Ranch
Capture A Nature Moment Make your own photographic history at this site known for its film history. Learn the tricks of the trade from a photographer pro. Meet at the native plant garden. Reservations required: 310-858-7272x131. 2hrs MRCA

SAT 4/10 6:30pm
Franklin Canyon - Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr
Into the Night - Birds and Beyond Join naturalist Steve to meet the animals that fly, scurry, stalk, and buzz at night. Bring binoculars for a stroll around the lake. 2hrs MRCA

SUN 4/11 8am

King Gillette Ranch
Morning Birds: 2nd Sundays
 A wealth of birdlife is attracted to the many habitats at this site. Bring binoculars and join us for a 1-mile accessible walk. Beginning birders welcome. \$7 parking fee. Rain cancels. Info: 805-370-2301. 2hrs NPS

SUN 4/11 8:45am

Santa Monica Mountains
Weed War Join us at a restoration site. Receive community service credit. Reservations required: 818-591-1701 x203 or volunteer@treepeople.org. 3.5hrs CNPS/TP/MRT

SUN 4/11 9am

Franklin Canyon -
Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr
Nature Trek Learn about the history and habitats of this canyon on a moderately difficult trek. Bring water. 2hrs MRCA

SUN 4/11 9am

Franklin Canyon -
Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr
Nature Rambles Bob is our naturalist guide on nature's dating game of birds, insects, and plants. Magnifiers and binoculars recommended. Reservations required: 310-858-7272 x131. 2hrs MRCA

SUN 4/11 10am

Charmlee Wilderness Park
Wildflower Hike Learn to recognize some of our local native plants and flowers. Meet at upper parking lot. Reservations required: 310-317-1364. \$4 parking fee. 2hrs CMPRD

SUN 4/11 1pm

Topanga State Park
Springtime Splendor Stroll with a docent naturalist and see what's blooming under the oaks and in the grasslands. 2hrs TCD

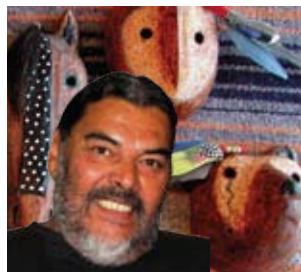
Free Cultural Demonstration & Exhibit Opening

Sunday, April 11

Satwiwa Native American Indian Culture Center

10am - 12pm:

Join fine artist **Bernie Granados** outside on the Satwiwa porch. See firsthand the making of his multi-media masks. All ages are welcome.



1:30pm - 3pm: Exhibit Opening

Drawing from his Apache and Zacatec roots, Bernie produces paintings, sculptures, masks, and prints. He was one of the featured artists in LACMA's exhibition *Native Artists for the 21st Century*. View the exhibit and talk to this multi-talented artist about his work. Refreshments will be served. **The exhibit will run through June 27.** Info: 805-370-2301

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

ALLIED ARTISTS OF THE SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS & SEASHORE

7th Annual Art Exhibit & Sale

Headwaters Corner in Calabasas

April 11 Sunday, 11am to 5pm

Spend a relaxing afternoon at Headwaters Corner. Enjoy the lush surroundings while viewing original art by some of the finest local artists. Artists will donate 20% of sales to Mountains Restoration Trust.

Info: Bruce Trentham 818-841-5930 or
<http://allied-artists.com>

SUN 4/11 3pm

Franklin Canyon -
Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr
Capture A Nature Moment
 Naturalist Joanne, an experienced photographer, will teach you the tricks of nature photography. Reservations required: 310-858-7272 x131. 2hrs MRCA

SUN 4/11 6:30pm

Franklin Canyon -
Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr
Meditations in the Mountains Heighten your awareness on peaceful guided meditations with naturalist Michael. Bring water. 1.5hrs MRCA

TUE 4/13 9:15am

Santa Monica Mountains
Moderate Hikers: Malibu Nature Preserve Join us on a 7-mile, 1500' gain hike to Nicholas Flat. Meet at Malibu Nature Preserve (33905 Pacific Coast Hwy). \$2 fee. Bring water and lunch. Info: 310-457-9783. Rain cancels. 4.5hrs SC

THU 4/15 8am

Caballero Canyon -
Lower Trailhead
Thursday Hikers: Garapito Trail to Eagle Rock Join us on a moderately-paced 9-mile, 1200' gain hike to northern Topanga State Park. Bring 2 qts of water, lunch, lugsoles, hat, and sunscreen. Rain cancels. Info: 818-981-4799. 5hrs SC

National Park Week April 17-25

Visit your local national park: www.nps.gov/samo

You can also join in the fun at the *Santa Monica Mountains Science Festival* on April 16 – 17.



For inquiring minds of all ages. Watch owls fly at night. Identify a wildflower. Learn how to track mountain lions and bobcats. Listen to stories from long ago. Discover the mysteries of your neighborhood national park.

Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area
1st Annual Santa Monica Mountains Science Festival
 PARAMOUNT RANCH

April 16 + 17, 2010

Friday, 7pm–10pm + Saturday, 11am–5pm

INFO: National Park Service **805-370-2301** or
www.nps.gov/samo/sciencefestival.htm



National Park Service + Natural History Museum of LA County

Are you naturally curious?

Rattlesnake Avoidance Workshops for Canines

April 17 thru April 18
Saturday and Sunday
8am – 5pm*

Santa Monica Mountains

Your dog will learn to avoid rattlesnakes and may then warn you when one is in your area. FEE. Registration required www.mountainstrust.org or 818-591-1701 x 189. MRT *30 minute-long programs

SAT 4/17 8:30am

Caballero Canyon
Chaparral Chatter On this leisurely hike, the views (on a clear day) more than compensate for the 800' gain. Bring hat, water, snack, and a curious mind for the splendor of this section of the Santa Monica Mountains. Reservations required: 818-345-6749. 3hrs CNPS

SAT 4/17 8:30am

Santa Monica Mountains
Trail Work Help build and maintain trails. Tools and instructions provided. Bring gloves, water, lunch, and sturdy footwear. For meeting place, call 310-559-3126. 5.5hrs SC

SAT 4/17 8:30am

Santa Monica Mountains
Trail Work Help repair trails. Bring lunch, water, work gloves, long-sleeve shirt, and eye protection. For work location, call 818-222-4531. 6hrs SMMTC

SAT 4/17 8:45am

Malibu Creek State Park
Return of the Lost Oak Woodlands Help rebuild habitat (community service credit. Reservations required: volunteer@treepeople.org or 818-591-1701 x203. 3.5hrs MRT/CNPS/TP

SAT 4/17 9:30am

Santa Monica Mountains
Malibu Nature Preserve Loop Hike On this 7-mile, 1800' gain moderate hike, enjoy coastal views. Rain cancels. Meet at the Preserve (33905 Pacific Coast Hwy). Bring 2 qts. of water, lunch, and lugsoles. 4.5 hrs CWC

BACKBONE TREK

May 1 to May 8
See page 16.
Registration closes in April.

26th ANNUAL GREAT RENDEZVOUS HIKES

Sunday (various times) April 18, 2010 – Topanga State Park
Celebrate John Muir's Birthday by joining one of five rendezvous hikes that converge at Trippet Ranch for John Muir's Birthday Party from 12pm to 1pm. Decorate and consume the famous Great Rendezvous John Muir/Sierra Birthday Cake. Bring water and lunch. Info: 310-559-3126 (Sierra Club)

8am *Hondo Canyon*

9-mile, 1800' gain
Hike to old cabin site. Meet on lower Topanga School Rd. 5 hours. Info: 818-773-4601

8:30am *Caballero Canyon*

Strenuous 14-mile, 2000' gain
Meet at trailhead sign. 7 hours. Info: 818-708-9535

9am *Los Lions Canyon*

Moderate 11-mile, 2400' gain
Meet at end of Los Lions Drive. 6 hours. Info: 310-559-3126

SAT 4/17 1pm

Franklin Canyon -
Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr
Create a Beautiful Garden Using Kitchen Scraps! Join naturalist Norma to see how to enrich the soil in your garden and also help reduce global warming. 1-1.5 hrs MRCA

SAT 4/17 7pm

Charmlee Wilderness Park
Buggy Night Walk the trails and see if any moths have been attracted to our UV lights. Bring a flashlight; meet at upper parking lot. Rain cancels. Reservations required: 310-317-1364. \$4 parking fee. 2hrs CMPRD

SUN 4/18 8am

Malibu Creek State Park
Birdwalk Enjoy watching birds in unspoiled habitats. Bring binoculars and hiking boots. Beginners welcome. Meet in lower parking lot. Leaders: Muriel 310 457-5796 and Art 818 887-0973. 4hrs SFVAS

SUN 4/18 8:45am

Cold Creek Preserve
Habitat Repair Help restore oak trees, shrubs and bunch grasses that feed and shelter wildlife. Receive community service credit. Reservations required: 818-591-1701 x203 or volunteer@treepeople.org. 3.5hrs MRT/CNPS/TP

SUN 4/18 9am

Temescal Gateway Park
Annual Rendezvous Hike Hike up Los Lions trail and return down Santa Ynez Canyon. This is a 9 mile roundtrip hike to meet Sierra Club groups at Trippet Ranch to celebrate John Muir's birthday. Carpool to Santa Ynez Canyon trailhead. 6hrs TCA

SUN 4/18 9:30am

Cold Creek Preserve -
Preserve's Lower Gate
Awakening to Nature's Gift On a short guided walk, revel in the signs of wildlife in this pristine preserve. 2.5hrs CCD

Earth Day Whale Fest

April 18, Sunday 10am–4pm

Leo Carrillo State Park



Celebrate the annual migration of the California gray whale and its successful return from the brink of extinction. Enjoy live entertainment, environmental conservation booths, arts/crafts activities, and food. Naturalists will help you spot and identify gray whales and bottlenose dolphins. \$12 Parking fee.

Info: marie@earthdaywhalefest.org or www.earthdaywhalefest.com

Sponsored by California State Parks and the Santa Monica Mountains Natural History Association

Junior Rangers, earn your National Junior Ranger Day patch at this year's Whale Festival!

SUN 4/18 10am

Charmlee Wilderness Park
Wildflower Hike Learn to recognize some of the many wonderful native plants and flowers of our region. Meet at upper parking lot. Reservations required: 310-317-1364. \$4 parking fee. 2hrs CMPRD

SUN 4/18 10am

Franklin Canyon -
Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr
A Turtle's Race Around the Lake Learn about our local ecosystem from naturalists Lucy and Rebecca on an easy 1-mile walk. Bring water, hat, and appropriate shoes. Meet in parking lot below nature center. 1.5hrs MRCA

SUN 4/18 1pm

Topanga State Park
Springtime Splendor Stroll with a docent naturalist and see what's blooming under the oaks and in the grasslands. 2hrs TCD

TUE 4/20 9am

Solstice Canyon
Moderate Hikers Join us on a 7-mile, 2000' gain hike to Roberts Ranch and continuing onto enjoy ocean views. Bring water and lunch. Rain cancels. 310-454-4199. 4hrs SC

Free Cultural Program

Sunday, April 18

10am–12pm and 1pm–3pm

Satwiwa Native American Indian Culture Center

Guest host to be determined.

Info: 805-370-2301

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

TUE 4/20 7pm

Franklin Canyon - Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr
Nachochan Gathering Be a part of the circle, Native American style. Enjoy a kaleidoscope of hands-on learning, guest speakers, and shared potluck meals. Reservations required: 310-858-7272x131. 2hrs MRCA

TUE 4/20 7:30pm

Temescal Gateway Park
Culture in the Canyon at the Chautauqua Series: Fireside Chat with John Muir Living history performer Frank Helling, from Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks, has been bringing John Muir's words to park visitors for over 20 years. Meet at Woodland Hall. 2hrs SMMC/MRCA

SAT 4/24 9am

Franklin Canyon - Franklin Canyon Ranch
Nature Rambles Bob is our naturalist guide on nature's dating game of birds, insects, and plants. Magnifiers and binoculars recommended. Reservations required: 310-858-7272 x131. 2hrs MRCA

SAT 4/24 10am

Malibu Creek State Park
Welcome to Malibu Creek Walk by the creek through a wooded valley. Learn about the animals, plants, early inhabitants and movies filmed in the park. Meet at lower parking lot. 2hrs MCD



Garden Tours at the Historic Adamson House

Malibu Lagoon State Beach

Tuesdays at 10am
 For groups of 10 or more.
 Reservations required:
 310-456-8432

Fridays at 10am
 For individuals and small groups (no reservations are required).

Meet docent at the Gate House for a one-hour tour.
 FEE

SUN 4/25 8:45am

Santa Monica Mountains
La Sierra Restoration Day After meeting at Peter Strauss Ranch, we caravan to La Sierra Preserve to halt the invasion of weeds in wetlands and along the trails. Bring lunch and water. Receive credit for community service. Reservations required: volunteer@treepeople.org or 818-591-1701 x203. 3.5hrs MRT/CNPS/TP

SUN 4/25 10am

Malibu Bluffs Park
Springtime Meander on the Bluffs Discover native wildflowers and grasses (and the invasion of weeds). Enjoy great views of mountains and sea. Dip your toes into the bay as we walk along the beach and look for dolphins, whales and sea birds. 2hrs CNPS

29th Annual Santa Monica Mountains Trail Days

Friday, April 23 to Sunday, April 25
Point Mugu State Park

Help improve trails and parks! No experience needed, just a spirit of fun and adventure. Bring yourself or a group. Free camping for volunteers Friday and Saturday nights. Barbecue and campfire on Saturday night (bring dessert and munchies). Bring long pants, hat, gloves, water and lunch. Tools provided. Saturday/Sunday meet at 8:30am along service road at 4122 West Potrero Road in Newbury Park to meet caravan.

For more info: www.smmtc.org
 or 818-222-4531

CSP/NPS/CNPS/SC/SMMTC/CORBA

**SUN 4/25 1pm**

Topanga State Park
Springtime Splendor Stroll with a docent naturalist and see what's blooming under the oaks and in the grasslands. 2hrs TCD

TUE 4/27 9:15am

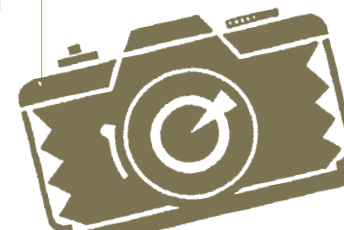
Santa Monica Mountains
Moderate Hikers: Trancas Canyon 8-mile, 1000' gain Backbone Trail hike to view wildflowers. Meet at Encinal Cyn Trailhead (Pacific Coast Highway west 6 miles from Malibu Cyn Rd, north 6 miles on Kanan Dume Rd to Mulholland Hwy, west 3½ miles onto Encinal Cyn Rd to shoulder parking on south side of road just east of Fire Camp #13). Bring lunch and water. Rain cancels. Info: 310-822-6848. 4hrs SC

TUE 4/27 7pm

Headwaters Corner
Gourd Society Meeting Join other gourd artists to experience new techniques and ideas. Beginners welcome. Gourds available. Info: Dorie 818-702-8020 2hrs SFVGP

WED 4/28 5:30pm

Franklin Canyon - Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr
Nature Unplugged Ages 12 and up, tune into nature on this easy hike with naturalist Dora. Wear comfortable shoes and bring a lightweight blanket to sit on. 2hrs MRCA

**WED 4/28 6pm**

Charmlee Wilderness Park
Full Moon Hike Enjoy the mountains, meadow and an ocean overlook as the moon lights our way. Bring a flashlight and meet at upper parking lot. Rain cancels. Reservations required: 310-317-1364. \$4 parking fee. 2hrs CMPRD

WED 4/28 8pm

Franklin Canyon - Franklin Canyon Ranch
Full Moon Adventure Look and listen for wildlife on this moderately strenuous hike with naturalist Michael. All ages welcome. Meet at Franklin Ranch lower parking restrooms. 2hrs MRCA

Santa Monica Mountains Photography Workshop

THE 'MASTERS PROGRAM' AND 'DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHY BOOT CAMP'

April 29 - May 2, 2010
Thursday to Sunday - noon to noon

Noted photographers **Tom Gamache** and **Van Webster** share their knowledge, insights, techniques and pro secrets on how to create landscape art photographs in this classroom and field workshop. See Tom's work at: www.tomgamache.com

Presented in conjunction with UCLA Stunt Ranch Santa Monica Mountains Reserve.



INFO:
Sheila Braden (NPS) at sheila_braden@nps.gov
 (805) 370-2394 or

Carol Felixson (UCLA Stunt Ranch Reserve) at cfelixso@ucla.edu
 (310) 206-3887

BACKBONE TREK

**Saturday, May 1, 2010 to
Saturday, May 8, 2010**

**Hike the 65-mile long Backbone Trail
from Point Mugu State Park to
Will Rogers State Historic Park.**

**This is a moderate to strenuous hike (about 9 miles
a day) with limited participants. Camp along the way
for one week. Carry just your lunch in a daypack,
while volunteers shuttle your gear to the campsites
and prepare your dinners. Fee is \$350.**

**Info: www.smmtc.org
or contact Jerry at 818-406-1269
or backbonetrek2010@roadrunner.com**

NOTE: Registration closed in April.

Organized by Santa Monica Mountains Trails Council

SAT 5/1 8:30am

*Santa Monica Mountains
Trail Work* Help build and
maintain trails. Tools and
instructions provided. Bring
gloves, water, lunch, and sturdy
footwear. For meeting place,
call 310-559-3126. 5.5hrs SC

SAT 5/1 8:30am

*Santa Monica Mountains
Trail Work* Help repair trails.
Bring lunch, water, work gloves,
long-sleeve shirt, and eye pro-
tection. For work location, call
818-222-4531. 6hrs SMMTC

SAT 5/1 8:45am

*Topanga State Park
Lower Topanga Park Resto-
ration* Help plant, water and
weed. Bring water, snack, and
sturdy footwear. Receive credit
for community service. Reserva-
tions required: [volunteer@](mailto:volunteer@treepeople.org)
treepeople.org or 818-591-1701
x203. 3.5hrs MRT/CNPS/TP

SAT 5/1 9am

*Malibu Creek State Park
Malibu Creek Highlands* En-
joy a docent-led hike on Look-
out and Cage Creek trails. See
spring wildflowers and more.
Bring water and wear suitable
footwear. Meet at lower park-
ing lot. 2.5hrs MCD

SAT 5/1 9am

*Malibu Creek State Park
Introduction to Mountain
Bike Skills* Learn backcoun-
try preparedness, shared-use
etiquette, and riding fundamen-
tals. Mountain bike and helmet
required. Heavy rain cancels.
Info: www.corbamtb.com or
805-558-1606. 4hrs CORBA

SAT 5/1 9:30am

*Cold Creek Preserve -
Lower Stunt High Trailhead
First Saturday Walk* See a
great diversity of "bloomin'
things" as you stroll along a
streamside trail to a gently roll-
ing chaparral basin set amidst
sandstone peaks. 2hrs CCD

SAT 5/1 10am

*Paramount Ranch
Returning Wildflowers?*
What's happening to our adapt-
able California vegetation, now
that climate change is becom-
ing more apparent? See what's
blooming, what's changing,
and look for a few frequently
overlooked vegetation surprises
on this easy-paced ranger-led
walk. 1.5hrs NPS

SAT 5/1 10am

*Franklin Canyon -
Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr
Franklin's Movie Magic*
This site has been the backdrop
for such classics as *When a
Stranger Calls*, *It Happened One
Night*, and *The Andy Griffith
Show*. Go on location with
Naturalist Diane on this easy
walk. 2hrs MRCA

SAT 5/1 3pm

*King Gillette Ranch
Capture A Nature Moment*
Make your own photographic
history at this site known for its
film history. Learn the tricks of
the trade from a photographer
pro. Meet at the native plant
garden. Reservations required:
310-858-7272x131. 2hrs MRCA

SUN 5/2 7am

*Topanga State Park
Audubon Bird Walk* Buffs and
beginners will enjoy discovering
the ways of the birds. Bring bin-
oculars, hat, bird book optional,
water and a snack. Info: 310-
455-1401. 2.5hrs LAAS

SUN 5/2 8:45am

*Malibu Creek State Park
Return of the Lost Oak
Woodlands* Help rebuild
habitat for wildlife. Receive
community service credit.
Reservations required:
volunteer@treepeople.org or
818-591-1701 x203. 3.5hrs
MRT/CNPS/TP

SUN 5/2 9am

*Franklin Canyon -
Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr
Nature Rambles* Bob is our
naturalist guide on nature's
dating game of birds, insects,
and plants. Magnifiers and
binoculars recommended.
Reservations required: 310-
858-7272 x131. 2hrs MRCA

EXPLORANDO LAS MONTAÑAS

*Explore the Mountains
Bilingual Family Hike*

Zuma/Trancas Canyons – Zuma Canyon Trailhead

Sábado, Mayo 1 10am

Disfrute de la naturaleza con su familia y amigos mientras
aprende acerca la historia natural y cultural de las
Montañas de Santa Monica. La caminata será bilingüe, en
español e inglés. Sendero moderado de 2 millas (2 horas).
Favor traiga agua, comida y zapatos cómodos para la
excursión. Gratis. Direcciones vea # 34 del mapa incluido
al final de este librito, encuéntrenos al final de la carretera
Bonsall. Información 805-370-2363.

Saturday, May 1 10am

Enjoy a moderate 2-mile hike with family & friends while
learning about the natural and cultural history of the
Santa Monica Mountains. The walk will be led in Spanish
& English by a park ranger. Bring water, lunch, and
comfortable shoes. Info: 805-370-2301. 2hrs NPS

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

Tuesdays at 9am

Malibu Lagoon State Beach

**A Children's Tour
of the Adamson House,
Malibu Lagoon Museum,
and Malibu Lagoon**

**View life as lived at
the house in the 1930's,
Chumash culture, plus
birds, fish, and tidepools
at the lagoon. 2.5 hours
MLMD**

**Organized children's
groups only (such as
school groups, scouts,
and soccer teams).**

**Reservations required:
310-456-8432
or 310-317-8379**

SUN 5/2 9am

Franklin Canyon - Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr
Nature Trek Learn about the history and habitats of this canyon on a moderately difficult trek from canyon top to bottom. Bring water. 2hrs MRCA

SUN 5/2 10am

Charmlee Wilderness Park
Bugs, Lizards, etc Look for and learn about small creatures that live in the park. Explore the nature center. Reservations required: 310-317-1364. \$4 parking fee. 2hrs CMPRD

SUN 5/2 10am

Franklin Canyon - Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr
Kids' Hands at Franklin Ages 3-8 accompanied by an adult, join naturalist Lucy on a stroll and get inspired for your nature art project. 2hrs MRCA

SUN 5/2 1pm

Topanga State Park
Butterflies and Bees at Work Enjoy an easy-paced walk with a docent naturalist as these pollinators flash their colors among native plants. 2hrs TCD

SUN 5/2 1pm

Franklin Canyon - Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr
Canyon Poses – Yoga in the Park Families with children age 3 and up, join naturalist Sol and her Junior Ranger daughters for a new way of communing with nature. Bring a pillow, towel and light blanket. 1hr MRCA

SUN 5/2 3pm

Franklin Canyon - Franklin Canyon Ranch
Capture A Nature Moment Naturalist Joanne, an experienced photographer, will teach you the tricks of nature photography. Reservations required: 310-858-7272 x131. 2hrs MRCA

SAT 5/8 8:30am

Santa Monica Mountains
Trail Work Help build and maintain trails. Tools and instructions provided. Bring gloves, water, lunch, and sturdy footwear. For meeting place, call 310-559-3126. 5.5hrs SC

SAT 5/8 8:30am

Santa Monica Mountains
Trail Work Help repair trails. Bring lunch, water, work gloves, long-sleeve shirt, and eye protection. For work location, call 818-222-4531. 6hrs SMMTC

SAT 5/8 9:30am

Headwaters Corner
Youth Naturalist Program: Paleontology What did a dinosaur do all day? What colors were they? Find out during a craft and from a guest speaker. Bring lunch, water; wear sturdy shoes. For children 8-12. Fee. Pre-registration required: www.mountainstrust.org or 818-591-1701x212. 3hrs MRT

SAT 5/8 9:30am

Malibu Creek State Park
Paint-Out At this beautiful park with full flowing creek after spring rains, valley and coast live oaks provide shaded corridors for painting amid the California sagebrush and purple sage. Meet in parking lot. Look for red flag. Info: www.allied-artists.com or 310-383-1374. 4hrs AASMM

SAT 5/8 2pm

Franklin Canyon - Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr
Speak for the Trees Kids of all ages will enjoy this playful and interactive program devoted to all things with woody trunks, roots, branches and leaves or needles. 2hrs MRCA

SAT 5/8 7pm

Franklin Canyon - Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr
Into the Night – Birds and Beyond Join naturalist Steve to meet the animals that fly, scurry, stalk, and buzz at night. Bring binoculars for a stroll around the lake. 2hrs MRCA

SUN 5/9 8am

King Gillette Ranch
Morning Birds: 2nd Sundays A wealth of birdlife is attracted to the many habitats at this site. Bring binoculars and join us for a 1-mile accessible walk. Beginning birders welcome. \$7 parking fee. Rain cancels. Info: 805-370-2301. 2hrs NPS

SUN 5/9 8:45am

Santa Monica Mountains
Weed War Join us at a restoration site. Receive community service credit. Reservations required: 818-591-1701 x203 or volunteer@treepeople.org. 3.5hrs CNPS/TP/MRT

SUN 5/9 11am

Malibu Lagoon State Beach
Mothers' Day Garden Luncheon Enjoy Mothers' Day luncheon in the gardens of the Historic Adamson House. Reservations required: 310-456-8432. Fee. 4hrs MLMD

SUN 5/9 1pm

Topanga State Park
Butterflies and Bees at Work Enjoy an easy-paced walk with a docent naturalist as these pollinators flash their colors among native plants. 2hrs TCD

TUE 5/11 9:30am

Point Mugu State Park
Moderate Hikers: Canyon Hike Join us on a 9-mile, 1200' gain hike through Sycamore Canyon to the saddle above Serrano Canyon. Enjoy great views of mountains. Bring lunch and water. Rain cancels. Info: 310-457-9783. 5hrs SC

SAT 5/15 8:30am

Santa Monica Mountains
Trail Work Help build and maintain trails. Tools and instructions provided. Bring gloves, water, lunch, and sturdy footwear. For meeting place, call 310-559-3126. 5.5hrs SC

SAT 5/15 8:30am

Santa Monica Mountains
Trail Work Help repair trails. Bring lunch, water, work gloves, long-sleeve shirt, and eye protection. For work location, call 818-222-4531. 6hrs SMMTC

SAT 5/15 8:45am

Santa Monica Mountains
La Sierra Restoration Day After meeting at Peter Strauss Ranch, we caravan to La Sierra Preserve to halt the invasion of weeds in wetlands and along the trails. Bring lunch and water. Receive credit for community service. Reservations required: volunteer@treepeople.org or 818-591-1701 x203. 3.5hrs MRT/CNPS/TP

Free Cultural Workshop

Sunday, May 2

10am–12pm and 1pm–3pm

Satwiwa Native American Indian Culture Center

Peggy Fontenot will be demonstrating beadwork and displaying her works of art.

All ages welcome.

Info: 805-370-2301

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE



Santa Monica Mountains Native Plant Fair

May 15, 2010

Saturday, 8am to noon

Rancho Sierra Vista main parking lot

Enjoy the wonder and beauty of native plants, at home and in the park.

The Santa Monica Mountains Fund is sponsoring this annual event with native plants for sale, educational materials available on gardening with natives, and tours offered of the National Park Service's ethnobotanic garden and native plant nursery – plus a special planting event at 10am to help restore your parkland and demonstrate native planting. All proceeds of plant sales to benefit park restoration and education projects. **Info: 805-370-2301**

SAT 5/15 9:30am

Runyon Canyon Park
Geology Walk Geologist-led walk covering over 100 million years of history. Meet at north entrance to park (Mullholland Dr. & Desmond Estates Rd). 2hrs FORC

SAT 5/15 7pm

Charmlee Wilderness Park
Buggy Night Walk the trails and then return to the nature center to see if any moths have been attracted to our UV lights. Bring a flashlight; meet at upper parking lot. Rain cancels. Reservations required: 310-317-1364. \$4 parking fee. 2hrs CMPRD

Rattlesnake Avoidance Workshops for Canines

May 15 thru May 16
 Saturday and Sunday
 8am – 5pm*
Santa Monica Mountains

Your dog will learn to avoid rattlesnakes and may then warn you when one is in your area. FEE. Registration required www.mountainstrust.org or 818-591-1701 x 189. MRT *30 minute-long programs

SUN 5/16 8am

Malibu Creek State Park
Birdwalk Enjoy watching birds in unspoiled habitats. Bring binoculars and hiking boots. Beginners welcome. Meet in lower parking lot. Leaders: Muriel 310 457-5796 and Art 818 887-0973. 4hrs SFVAS

SUN 5/16 8:45am

Cold Creek Preserve
Habitat Repair Help restore oak trees, shrubs and bunch grasses that feed and shelter wildlife. Receive community service credit. Reservations required: 818-591-1701 x203 or volunteer@treepeople.org. 3.5hrs MRT/CNPS/TP

SUN 5/16 9am

Temescal Gateway Park
Hike to the Topanga Banjo Fiddle Contest & Folk Festival Hike 7 miles roundtrip from Malibu Creek State Park to Paramount Ranch for the festival. Carpool to trailhead. 6hrs TCA

SUN 5/16 9:30am

Cold Creek Preserve - Preserve's Lower Gate
Canyon Reverie Descend through the pristine Cold Creek Canyon Preserve marveling in lush vegetation, a boulder home, a fern grotto and a delightful gurgling marsh. Bring water. 2.5hrs CCD



Topanga Banjo Fiddle Contest & Folk Festival

Join us to celebrate our 50th year with Southern California's Favorite Bluegrass, Old-Time and Folk Music Event!

May 16, 2010
Sunday 9am–6pm
Paramount Ranch

Featuring bluegrass music, folk dancing, jamming musicians, folk arts booths, and exhibits on national, state, and local parks. FEE.

Info: 818-382-4819 or www.topangabanjofiddle.org

Topanga Banjo Fiddle Contest & Folk Festival, Inc. in cooperation with the National Park Service

Free Cultural Workshop

Sunday, May 16

10am–12pm and 1pm–3pm

Satwiwa Native American Indian Culture Center

Learn more about Native American pottery with **Rowan Harrison**. He has been practicing pottery making since 1995, when the art form was introduced to him by his Grandmother on the Isleta Indian Reservation in New Mexico. He will demonstrate handbuilt handcoiled pottery which will include all the stages of development from the beginning to the final painted piece. (Firing of the pottery will be weather dependent.) All ages are welcome.

Info: 805-370-2301

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

**SUN 5/16 10am**

Franklin Canyon - Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr
A Turtle's Race Around the Lake Learn about our local ecosystem from naturalists Lucy and Rebecca on an easy 1-mile walk. Bring water, hat, and appropriate shoes. Meet in parking lot below nature center. 1.5hrs MRCA

SUN 5/16 1pm

Topanga State Park
Butterflies and Bees at Work Enjoy an easy-paced walk with a docent naturalist as these pollinators flash their colors among native plants. 2hrs TCD

SUN 5/16 6:45pm

Franklin Canyon - Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr
Music in the Mountains Connect with the spirit of nature as we focus on meditative rhythms. Bring a didgeridoo, drum, flute, clapper stick or a shaker. 1.5hrs MRCA

SAT 5/17 8:30am

Caballero Canyon
Chaparral Chatter On this leisurely hike, the views on a clear day more than compensate for the 800' gain. Bring hat, water, snack, and a curious mind for the splendor of this section of the Santa Monica Mountains. Reservations required: 818-345-6749. 3hrs CNPS



Garden Tours at the Historic Adamson House

Malibu Lagoon State Beach

Tuesdays at 10am
 For groups of 10 or more.
 Reservations required:
 310-456-8432

Fridays at 10am
 For individuals and small groups (no reservations are required).

Meet docent at the Gate House for a one-hour tour.
 FEE

**Temescal Canyon Association
Tuesday Evening Hikes**

**May 18 until
mid-August**

Meet at 6pm in Temescal Gateway parking lot to carpool to trailhead. Wear hiking boots/sturdy shoes; bring water. 2.5 hours

www.temcanyon.org

TUE 5/18 9:15am

Cold Creek Preserve - Lower Stunt High Trailhead
Moderate Hikers: Stunt Road to Saddle Peak Join us on an 8-mile, 1800' gain hike via Cold Creek Preserve with wonderful vistas from Saddle Peak. Bring lunch and water. Rain cancels. Info: 310-391-5004. 4hrs SC

TUE 5/18 7pm

Franklin Canyon - Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr
Nachochan Gathering Be a part of the circle, Native American style, through these social evenings. Enjoy a kaleidoscope of hands-on learning, guest speakers, and shared potluck meals. Reservations required: 310-858-7272x131. 2hrs MRCA

SAT 5/22 8:30am

Santa Monica Mountains
Trail Work Help repair trails. Bring lunch, water, work gloves, long-sleeve shirt, and eye protection. For work location, call 818-222-4531. 6hrs SMMTC

SAT 5/22 9am

Franklin Canyon - Franklin Canyon Ranch
Nature Rambles Bob is our naturalist guide on nature's dating game of birds, insects, and plants. Magnifiers and binoculars recommended. Reservations required: 310-858-7272 x131. 2hrs MRCA



National Park Service

LECTURE SERIES

GPS De-mystified

**May 22
Saturday 2pm**

National Park Service
Visitor Center

Join Ranger **Mike Theune**, who leads field GPS programs, to see how you can use your GPS to explore the Santa Monica Mountains.

Learn what GPS is, how it works, some field applications, and what rules and regulations apply at different sites. Then head outside for a field session. Bring your GPS if you have one. Participants should already be familiar with how to operate a GPS.

2 hours

Info: 805-370-2301

Culture in the Canyon

at the Chautauqua Series

May 18, Tuesday at 7:30pm
Temescal Gateway Park

Urban Carnivores in Your Backyard

Wildlife biologist, **Seth Riley**, from the National Park Service will share his research about urban carnivores in the Santa Monica Mountains with a special look at coyotes. He has just finished a book on the subject and will be available for book signing after the program. Meet in Woodland Hall. 2 hours SMMC/MRCA

SUN 5/23 8am

Rancho Sierra Vista/Satwiwa
Birds of Spring Many habitats attract colorful migrants and summer residents: blue grosbeaks, lazuli buntings, roadrunners, warblers, and the elusive grasshopper sparrow. Bring binoculars. Beginners welcome. Rain cancels. Meet at main parking lot. 2.5hrs NPS

SUN 5/23 10am

Malibu Bluffs Park
Bluffs Ramble to the Sea Explore along the trail to discover native wildflowers and grasses (and the invasion of weeds); enjoy great views of mountains and sea; dip your toes into the bay as we walk along the beach; look for dolphins, whales and sea birds. 2hrs CNPS

SUN 5/23 1pm

Topanga State Park
Butterflies and Bees at Work Enjoy an easy-paced walk with a docent naturalist as these pollinators flash their colors among native plants. 2hrs TCD

TUE 5/25 9am

Santa Monica Mountains
Moderate Hikers: Temescal Waterfall Join us on an 8-mile 1600' gain hike to Temescal Canyon Park, past Skull Rock to Radio Peak. Meet at end of Bienvenida Ave (½ mi west of Temescal Cyn Rd on Sunset Blvd, 1 mi north on Bienvenida). Bring water and lunch. Rain cancels. Info: 310-839-8235. 4hrs SC

TUE 5/25 7pm

Headwaters Corner
Gourd Society Meeting Join other gourd artists to experience new techniques and ideas. Beginners welcome. Gourds available. Info: Dorie 818-702-8020. 2hrs SFVGP

WED 5/26 6:30pm

Franklin Canyon - Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr
Nature Unplugged Ages 12 and up, tune into nature on this easy hike with naturalist Dora. Wear comfortable shoes and bring a lightweight blanket to sit on. 2hrs MRCA

THU 5/27 6:30pm

Charmlee Wilderness Park
Full Moon Hike Enjoy the mountains, meadow and an ocean overlook as the moon lights our way. Bring a flashlight and meet at the upper parking lot. Rain cancels. Reservations required: 310-317-1364. \$4 parking fee. 2hrs CMPRD

THU 5/27 8pm

Franklin Canyon - Franklin Canyon Ranch
Full Moon Adventure Look and listen for wildlife on this moderately strenuous hike with naturalist Michael. All ages welcome. Meet at Franklin Ranch lower parking restrooms. 2hrs MRCA

SAT 5/29 9am

Rancho Sierra Vista/Satwiwa
Canyon Splendor Take a 3.5-mile hike to a waterfall in upper Sycamore Canyon. Along the way, explore the history of the site and see what's blooming. Bring water and snack. Meet in the main parking lot. 2.5hrs NPS

SUN 5/30 10am

Malibu Creek State Park
Welcome to Malibu Creek Walk by the creek through a wooded valley. Learn about the animals, plants, early inhabitants and movies filmed in the park. Meet at lower parking lot. 2hrs MCD

SUN 5/30 1pm

Topanga State Park
Butterflies and Bees at Work Enjoy an easy-paced walk with a docent naturalist as these pollinators flash their colors among native plants. 2hrs TCD

DRAWING FROM NATURE: Interested in seeing articles on plants and animals in the Santa Monica Mountains, with illustrations by children ages 5-12?

Produced by the UCLA Stunt Ranch Reserve, this science and art series was published in the L.A. Times *Kids Reading Room Page* from 2001 through 2006 and can be found at

<http://stuntranch.ucnrs.org/newsforkids.html>

For more info on the Reserve:
<http://stuntranch.ucnrs.org>



National Trails Day



**Saturday, June 5
8am – 3pm**

Malibu Creek State Park

Join a community of partners and be an important part of a nation-wide event to restore trails. Bring gloves, sunscreen, water and a snack. Anyone under 18 must be accompanied by an adult. NPS, CSP, SMMTC, and Santa Monica Mountains Task Force of the Sierra Club.

Info: 805-370-2301

TUE 6/1 8:30am

Santa Monica Mountains
Moderate Hikers Hidden Stairs Count the stairs on this hike from Will Rogers Beach to Will Rogers State Historic Park through Rustic Canyon. Meet on Adelaide Drive and 4th Street in Santa Monica (1 block north of San Vicente Blvd). Bring water and lunch. Rain cancels. Info: 310-391-5004. 4hrs SC

WED 6/2 9am

Paramount Ranch
Outdoor Landscape Painting For All Artists All artists and potential artists, bring your favorite materials to sketch and paint. Info: Trish 805-376-0034. To become a member of this group that paints outdoors twice each month, call David at 805-494-1700. 4hrs TOPAW

SAT 6/5 8:45am

Topanga State Park
Lower Topanga Park Restoration Help plant, water and weed. Bring water, snack, and sturdy footwear. Receive credit for community service. Reservations required: volunteer@treepeople.org or 818-591-1701 x203. 3.5hrs MRT/CNPS/TP

SAT 6/5 9am

Malibu Creek State Park
Introduction to Mountain Bike Skills Learn backcountry preparedness, shared-use etiquette, and riding fundamentals. Mountain bike and helmet required. Heavy rain cancels. Info: www.corbambt.com or 805-558-1606. 4hrs CORBA



Garden Tours at the Historic Adamson House

Malibu Lagoon State Beach

Tuesdays at 10am
For groups of 10 or more.
Reservations required:
310-456-8432

Fridays at 10am
For individuals and small groups (no reservations are required).

Meet docent at the Gate House for a one-hour tour.
FEE

SAT 6/5 9:30am

Headwaters Corner
Youth Naturalist Program: Insects and Arthropods Ages 8-12, see how insects are put together. Listen to a guest entomologist from the Natural History Museum. Bring lunch, water; and wear sturdy shoes. Fee. Pre-registration required. Info: www.mountainstrust.org or 818-591-1701x212. 3hrs MRT

SAT 6/5 9:30am

Cold Creek Preserve - Lower Stunt High Trailhead
First Saturday Walk Enjoy a glorious spring walk-about along a streamside trail and through oak woodlands to a chaparral basin set amidst sandstone peaks. 2hrs CCD

SAT 6/5 10am

Franklin Canyon - Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr
Franklin's Movie Magic This site has been the backdrop for such classics as *When a Stranger Calls*, *It Happened One Night*, and *The Andy Griffith Show*. Go on location with naturalist Diane on this easy walk. 2hrs MRCA

SUN 6/6 7am

Topanga State Park
Audubon Bird Walk Buffs and beginners will enjoy discovering the ways of the birds. Bring binoculars, hat, bird book optional, water and a snack. Info: 310-455-1401. 2.5hrs LAAS

SUN 6/6 8:45am

Cold Creek Preserve
Habitat Repair Help restore oak trees, shrubs and bunch grasses that feed and shelter wildlife. Receive community service credit. Reservations required: 818-591-1701 x203 or volunteer@treepeople.org. 3.5hrs MRT/CNPS/TP

SUN 6/6 9am

Franklin Canyon - Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr
Nature Rambles Bob is our naturalist guide on nature's dating game of birds, insects, and plants. Magnifiers and binoculars recommended. Reservations required: 310-858-7272 x131. 2hrs MRCA

SUN 6/6 9am

Franklin Canyon - Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr
Nature Trek Learn about the history and habitats of this canyon on a moderately difficult trek from canyon top to bottom. Bring water. 2hrs MRCA

SUN 6/6 9:30am

Paramount Ranch
From Set to Screen Illusions and hard work turn a dusty set into a realistic town. Join us on this easy-paced walk to discover movie magic and the history of Paramount Ranch. 1hr NPS

SUN 6/6 9:30am

Point Mugu State Park - Ray Miller Trailhead
Coastal Slope Trail Join us on a moderate 7-mile hike along the western part of the Coastal Slope Trail and loop back across La Jolla Canyon. Enjoy lunch at an overlook. 5hrs CWC

SUN 6/6 10am

Franklin Canyon - Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr
Kids' Hands at Franklin Ages 3-8 accompanied by an adult, join naturalist Lucy on a stroll and get inspired for your nature art project. 2hrs MRCA

SUN 6/6 1pm

Topanga State Park
Summer's A-Comin' Learn how native plants and animals prepare for summer on this docent-led walk. 2hrs TCD

SUN 6/6 1pm

Franklin Canyon - Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr
Canyon Poses – Yoga in the Park Families with children age 3 and up, join naturalist Sol and her Junior Ranger daughters for a new way of communing with nature. Bring a pillow, towel and light blanket. 1hr MRCA

THU 6/10 8am

Cold Creek Preserve - Lower Stunt High Trailhead
Thursday Hikers: Cold Creek to Saddle Peak For this moderately-paced 8-mile 1500' gain hike, bring 2 qts of water, lunch, lugsoles, hat, and sunscreen. Rain cancels. Info: 310-457-9783. 4hrs SC

Free Cultural Workshop

**Sunday, June 6
10am–12pm and 1pm–3pm**

Satwiwa Native American Indian Culture Center

Join **Richard Bugbee** to learn about native plants and how they were used by local tribes. He will also teach us how to make cordage.

All ages welcome.

Info: 805-370-2301

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

SAT 6/12 8:30am

Santa Monica Mountains
Trail Work Help build and maintain trails. Tools and instructions provided. Bring gloves, water, lunch, and sturdy footwear. For meeting place, call 310-559-3126. 5.5hrs SC

SAT 6/12 8:30am

Santa Monica Mountains
Trail Work Help repair trails. Bring lunch, water, work gloves, long-sleeve shirt, and eye protection. For work location, call 818-222-4531. 6hrs SMMTC

SAT 6/12 8:45am

Santa Monica Mountains
La Sierra Restoration Day Meet at Peter Strauss Ranch to caravan to La Sierra Preserve. Receive community service credit. Bring lunch and water. Reservations required: 818-591-1701 x203 or volunteer@treepeople.org. 3.5hrs MRT/CNPS/TP

SAT 6/12 9am

Rocky Oaks
Safe Not Sorry Join Ranger Ken on a short hike and learn how not to have a sorry adventure. Identify poison oak, ticks and other safety issues while in the park. Ken is a trained First Responder and first aid instructor with the National Park Service. 1.5hrs NPS

SAT 6/12 9:30am

Leo Carrillo State Park
Paint-Out Join us at this seaside inspiration with its, huge rock formations, shoreline views, crashing surf, and the sentinel lifeguard stations. Meet in parking lot (look for red flag). Info: www.allied-artists.com or 310-383-1374. 4hrs AASMM

SAT 6/12 2pm

Franklin Canyon -
Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr
Speak for the Trees Kids of all ages will enjoy this playful and interactive program devoted to all things with woody trunks, roots, branches and leaves or needles. 2hrs MRCA

SAT 6/12 3pm

King Gillette Ranch
Capture A Nature Moment Make your own photographic history at this site known for its film history. Learn the tricks of the trade from a photographer pro. Meet at the native plant garden. Reservations required: 310-858-7272x131. 2hrs MRCA

SAT 6/12 7:30pm

Franklin Canyon -
Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr
Exploring the Darkness Join naturalist Steve for this slow evening stroll to experience the smells, sounds, and sights of darkness. Requirements: flashlight, tolerance for darkness, and capacity for quiet observation. 2hrs MRCA

SUN 6/13 8am

King Gillette Ranch
Morning Birds: 2nd Sundays A wealth of birdlife is attracted to the many habitats at this site. Bring binoculars and join us for a 1-mile accessible walk. Beginning birders welcome. \$7 parking fee. Rain cancels. Info: 805-370-2301. 2hrs NPS

SUN 6/13 8:45am

Santa Monica Mountains
Weed War Join us at a restoration site. Receive community service credit. Reservations required: 818-591-1701 x203 or volunteer@treepeople.org. 3.5hrs CNPS/TP/MRT

SUN 6/13 10am

Charmlee Wilderness Park
Bugs, Lizards, etc Look for and learn about small creatures that live in the park. Explore the nature center. Reservations required: 310-317-1364. \$4 parking fee. 2hrs CMPRD

SUN 6/13 1pm

Topanga State Park
Summer's A-Comin' Learn how native plants and animals prepare for summer on this docent-led walk. 2hrs TCD

SUN 6/13 3pm

Franklin Canyon -
Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr
Capture A Nature Moment Naturalist Joanne, an experienced photographer, will teach you the tricks of nature photography. Reservations required: 310-858-7272 x131. 2hrs MRCA

SUN 6/12 7pm

Franklin Canyon -
Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr
New Moon Manifesting Join naturalist Michael for a powerful guided meditation and some light hiking. Bring water. 1.5hrs MRCA

TUE 6/15 8:30am

Topanga State Park
Moderate Hikers: Santa Ynez Canyon On an 8-mile, 1500' gain hike, enjoy views from the ridges. Meet at Santa Ynez trailhead (from Pacific Coast Highway east on Sunset Blvd ½ mile, left on Palisades Dr 2½ mile, left on Vereda de la Montura to gate). Bring water, lunch, and comfortable shoes. Info: 310-822-6848. 4hrs SC

Tuesdays at 9am**Malibu Lagoon State Beach**

A Children's Tour of the Adamson House, Malibu Lagoon Museum, and Malibu Lagoon

For organized children's groups:

Learn about life at the house in the 1930's, Chumash culture, plus wildlife at the lagoon. 2.5 hours MLMD

Reservations required:

**310-456-8432
or 310-317-8379**

Culture in the Canyon

at the Chautauqua Series

June 15, Tuesday at 7:30pm
Temescal Gateway Park

Community Film Clubs

Join UCLA professor and filmmaker **Aparna Sharma** and learn about her efforts to guide young people documenting their stories and experiences in nature and their communities. Meet at Woodland Hall. 2 hours SMMC/MRCA

TUE 6/15 7pm

Franklin Canyon -
Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr
Nachochan Gathering Be a part of the circle, Native American style, through these social evenings. Enjoy a kaleidoscope of hands-on learning, guest speakers, and shared potluck meals. Reservations required: 310-858-7272x131. 2hrs MRCA

WED 6/16 9am

Paramount Ranch
Outdoor Landscape Painting For All Artists All artists and potential artists bring your favorite materials to sketch and paint. Info: Trish 805-376-0034. To become a member of this group that paints outdoors twice each month, call David at 805-494-1700. 4hrs TOPAW

SAT 6/19 8:30am

Caballero Canyon
Chaparral Chatter On this leisurely hike, the views on a clear day more than compensate for the 800' gain. Bring hat, water, snack, and a curious mind for the splendor of this section of the Santa Monica Mountains. Reservations required: 818-345-6749. 3hrs CNP

SAT 6/19 8:30am

Santa Monica Mountains
Trail Work Help repair trails. Bring lunch, water, work gloves, long-sleeve shirt, and eye protection. For work location, call 818-222-4531. 6hrs SMMTC

SAT 6/19 8:30am

Santa Monica Mountains
Trail Work Help build and maintain trails. Tools and instructions provided. Bring gloves, water, lunch, and sturdy footwear. For meeting place, call 310-559-3126. 5.5hrs SC

SAT 6/19 8:45am

Malibu Creek State Park
Return of the Lost Oak Woodlands Help rebuild habitat for wildlife. Receive community service credit. Reservations required: volunteer@treepeople.org or 818-591-1701. 3.5hrs MRT/CNPS/TP

FREE Sunday Concerts in The Park

at Peter Strauss Ranch**June 13, 3pm - 5pm**

Come out for an afternoon of rousing music and family fun! Performers to be announced: **www.topangabanjofiddle.org** (free concerts link) or call 818-382-4819. Look for more free concerts in July, August and September.

Sponsors: Topanga Banjo Fiddle Contest & Folk Festival, Inc. and the National Park Service

SAT 6/19 7:30pm

Franklin Canyon -
Franklin Canyon Ranch
Summer Solstice Hike On this moderate hike, naturalist Michael will unravel some of the mysteries and confusion about seasonal changes, planets, and constellations. 2hrs MRCA

SUN 6/20 8am

Malibu Creek State Park
Birdwalk Enjoy watching birds in unspoiled habitats. Bring binoculars and hiking boots. Beginners welcome. Meet in lower parking lot. Leaders: Muriel 310-457-5796 and Art 818-887-0973. 4hrs SFVAS

SUN 6/20 10am

Franklin Canyon -
Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr
A Turtle's Race Around the Lake Learn about our local ecosystem from naturalists Lucy and Rebecca on an easy 1-mile walk. Bring water, hat, and appropriate shoes. Meet in parking lot below nature center. 1.5hrs MRCA

SUN 6/20 1pm

Topanga State Park
Summer's A-Comin' Learn how native plants and animals prepare for summer on this docent-led walk. 2hrs TCD

SUN 6/20 4pm

Santa Monica Mountains
Long Day's Night Hike For a moderately strenuous 7-mile hike from Santa Ynez Canyon to Trippet Ranch and back, meet at Santa Ynez Trailhead (from Pacific Coast Highway go east on Sunset Blvd ½ mile; left on Palisades Drive 2 ½ miles; left on Vereda de la Montura to the gate). Bring snack and water. Info: 310-559-3126. 4hrs SC

Free Evening Program

Sunday, June 20
7:30pm-9pm

Satwiwa Native American Indian Culture Center

Come listen to star stories and view the stars through telescopes with **Kat High**. Bring a flashlight. All ages welcome.

Info: 805-370-2301

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

Nature Discovery Camp

Session 1: June 21 – June 25, 2010

Monday – Friday, 9am

Headwaters Corner

Ages 8-12 will discover the wonders of nature with the aid of scientific tools, hands-on activities, and engaging guest speakers. Session 2 and Session 3 will be held the last week of July and August. Each session will include a field trip and a new theme is featured each day. Pre-registration is required. Nominal fee. 6 hours.

For more info or to register, contact: Susan, Mountains Restoration Trust, 818-591-1701 x212 or www.mountainstrust.org.

TUE 6/22 8:30am

Will Rogers State Historic Park
Moderate Hikers Temescal Waterfall Join us on a 7-mile, 1500' gain hike to Temescal Gateway Park and the Temescal Canyon waterfall. Bring water and lunch. Rain cancels. Info: 310-477-9664. 4hrs SC

THU 6/24 8am

Caballero Canyon -
Lower Trailhead
Thursday Hikers: Nike Missile Site Enjoy the views on a moderately-paced, 8-mile, 1100' gain hike. Bring 2 qts of water, lunch, lugsoles, hat, and sunscreen. Rain cancels. Info: 818-981-4799. 4hrs SC

SAT 6/26 8am

Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr
Canyon Morning Birds Beginners and experienced birders will enjoy this stroll around Franklin Lake. Bring binoculars. Meet at parking lot below the nature center. 2-2.5hrs MRCA

SAT 6/26 8:30am

Santa Monica Mountains
Trail Work Help build and maintain trails. Tools and instructions provided. Bring gloves, water, lunch, and sturdy footwear. For meeting place, call 310-559-3126. 5.5hrs SC

SAT 6/26 9am

Franklin Canyon -
Franklin Canyon Ranch
Nature Rambles Bob is our naturalist guide on nature's dating game of birds, insects, and plants. Magnifiers and binoculars recommended. Reservations required: 310-858-7272 x131. 2hrs MRCA

SAT 6/26 10am

Malibu Creek State Park
Welcome to Malibu Creek Walk by the creek through a wooded valley. Learn about the animals, plants, early inhabitants and movies filmed in the park. Meet at lower parking lot. 2hrs MCD



Temescal Canyon Association

Tuesday Evening Hikes in June – mid-August

Meet at 6pm in Temescal Gateway parking lot to carpool to trailhead. Wear hiking boots/sturdy shoes; bring water. 2.5 hours

www.temcanyon.org



National Park Service

LECTURE SERIES

Santa Monica Mountains Science Updates

June 26
Saturday 2pm

Park researchers will share their latest work in 3 short presentations. 1.5 hours

Chris Bowman-Prideaux
Plants:

Astragalus brauntonii

James
Mansfield

Cultural Resources:
GIS

Laurel Klein
Natural Resources:
Carnivore Research

Info: 805-370-2301

SAT 6/26 6:30pm

Charmlee Wilderness Park
Full Moon Hike Enjoy the mountains, meadow and an ocean overlook. Bring a flashlight and meet at upper parking lot. Reservations required: 310-317-1364. \$4 parking fee. 2hrs CMPRD

SAT 6/26 6:30pm

Franklin Canyon -
Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr
Nature Unplugged Ages 12 and up, tune into nature on this easy hike with naturalist Dora. Wear comfortable shoes and bring a lightweight blanket to sit on. 2hrs MRCA

SAT 6/26 8:30pm

Franklin Canyon -
Franklin Canyon Ranch
Full Moon Adventure Look and listen for wildlife on this moderately strenuous hike with naturalist Michael. All ages welcome. Meet at lower parking restrooms. 2hrs MRCA

SUN 6/27 9am

Solstice Canyon
Canyon Caper Discover the fire-following recovery of native wildflowers and grasses. Enjoy the stream and waterfall. Bring water and snack. 2hrs CNPS

SUN 6/27 1pm

Topanga State Park
Summer's A-Comin' Learn how native plants and animals prepare for summer on this docent-led walk. 2hrs TCD

TUE 6/29 7pm

Headwaters Corner
Gourd Society Meeting Join other gourd artists to experience new techniques and ideas. Beginners welcome. Gourds available. Info: Dorie 818-702-8020. 2hrs SFVGP

Hiking & Safety Tips



California Prickly Phlox by CR Montgomery, *Spirit of the Mountains* Photo Contest 2009 Winner – Honorable Mention, *Plants* Category

Ticks are plentiful. Some of them carry diseases. Check your clothing and exposed skin after hiking.

Southern Pacific Rattlesnakes make the mountains their home. Stay away from them, and they won't bother you. In case of a rattlesnake bite, **DO NOT** make an incision or try to draw out venom. Splint the extremity and transport victim to an emergency room.

Wear sturdy **footwear**—hiking boots or sneakers with good tread.

Poison oak can be identified by its clusters of three shiny leaflets. The best way to avoid it is to stay on trails.

Never hike alone, use the buddy system. That leaves someone to go for help if you encounter trouble.

Help prevent wildfire. Do not smoke on trails or in brush areas. Do not build fires on the ground.

Carry plenty of **water** and drink it. One quart for short walks, more for longer hikes.

Note: Whether you are an equestrian, hiker, or mountain bicyclist, please help us protect our natural areas by staying on designated trails. Be considerate of other trail users and respect private land.

Regularly Scheduled Activities

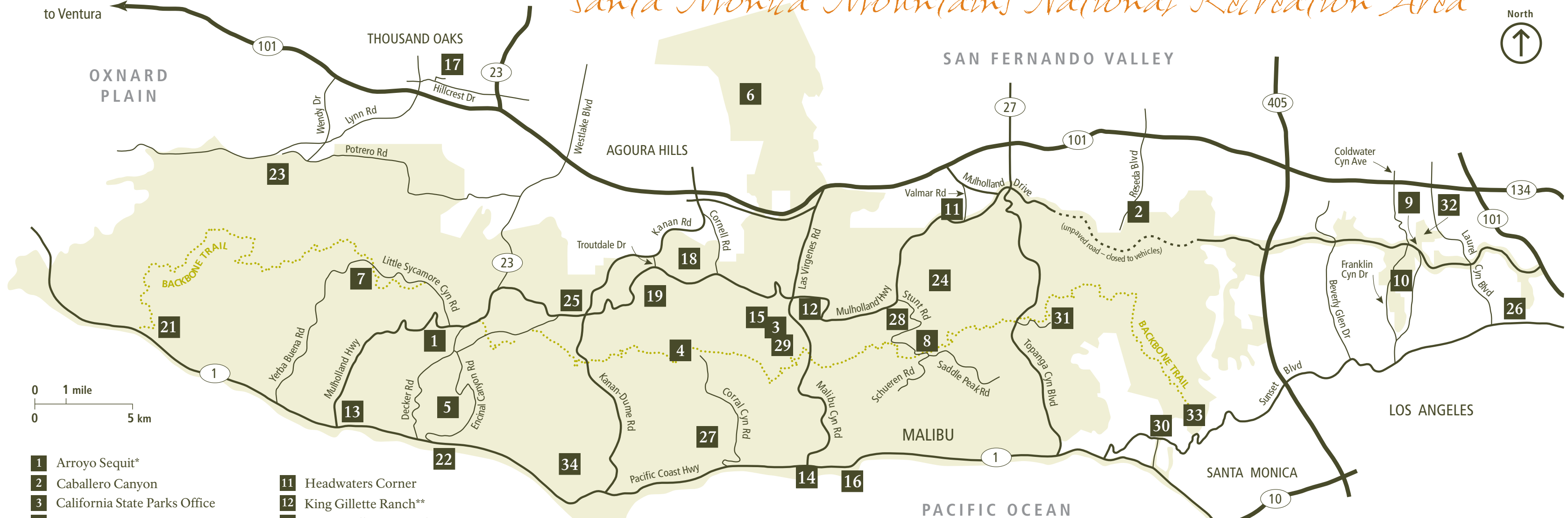
Circle X Ranch	Group camping, hiking, picnicking in high mountain country. 15 miles of trails. Guided walks as scheduled. Camping fee. NPS
Cold Creek Preserve	Open daily by reservation only for group and individual walks. Scheduled interpretive plant and bird walks. Tours for private groups may be arranged. 818-591-1701. CCD/MRT
Coldwater Canyon Park	TreePeople location. Nursery open WED 10am to noon, and SAT from 2pm to 4pm. TP
Franklin Canyon Ranch/Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr	Open daily. Hiking, picnicking and nature trails. Regularly scheduled naturalist programs. WODOC/MRCA
Leo Carrillo State Park	Campfire programs and hikes as scheduled. Camping, fishing, hiking, and surfing. Visitor center open 10am to 3pm weekends. Parking fee. CSP
Malibu Creek State Park	Campfire programs and hikes as scheduled. Camping, picnicking, hiking, bicycling and equestrian trails. Visitor center open weekends noon to 4pm. Crafts and games for children on first and third SAT of month 12:15pm to 2:30pm. Day-use parking fee. CSP/MCD
Malibu Lagoon State Beach/Historic Adamson House	Tours of historic Adamson House and museum WED thru SAT 11am to 3pm. Reservations required for 12 or more. TUE: groups by reservation. Tour fees. Bird walks at the state beach lagoon. Parking fee. CSP/MLMD/SMBAS
Paramount Ranch	Western town movie set. Ranger-led programs as scheduled; call 805-370-2301 for dates. Picnicking. Equestrian and hiking trails. NPS
Peter Strauss Ranch	Open 8am to sunset daily. Hillside loop trail, picnicking. Concerts as scheduled. NPS
Point Mugu State Park	Camping, picnicking, hiking, bicycling and equestrian trails. Naturalist programs as scheduled. Parking fee. CSP
Rancho Sierra Vista/Satwiwa	Hiking, bicycling and equestrian trails with access to Point Mugu State Park. Culture center is open on SAT & SUN 9am to 5pm. NPS
Rocky Oaks	Hiking and equestrian trails, picnic area. NPS
Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area Visitor Center	Open daily from 9am to 5pm and closed some holidays. Info on Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area and other national parks. Exhibits and bookstore. NPS
Temescal Gateway Park	Open daily. Hiking, picnicking and overnight group accommodations available. Parking fee. MRCA
Topanga State Park	Hiking, picnicking, equestrian and mountain bike trails. Docent-led walks as scheduled. Parking fee. CSP/TCO
Will Rogers State Historic Park	Park grounds open 8am to sunset. Guided tour of ranch house available TUE thru SUN at 11am, 1pm, and 2pm (ranch house closed on MON). Reservations needed for groups of 25 or more. Parking fee. CSP/WRD
UCLA Stunt Ranch Santa Monica Mountains Reserve	Environmental research and education. K-12, university level, and community programs. By prior approval only 310-206-3887. SRSMMR

Directions

- 1 ***Arroyo Sequit** 34138 Mulholland Hwy, Malibu. Pacific Coast Hwy to Mulholland Hwy. Turn inland on Mulholland Hwy and go 6 miles to park entrance on right side of road.
- 2 **Caballero Canyon** Ventura Fwy (101) Exit Reseda Blvd, turn south.
Lower Trailhead: 1.9 miles south just past the fountains on left side.
Upper Trailhead: Marvin Braude Mulholland Gateway Park. 3.1 miles south at the end of Reseda Blvd near dirt Mulholland.
- 3 **California State Parks Headquarters** Ventura Fwy (101) to Las Virgenes Rd. Go 3 miles south on Las Virgenes Rd to Mulholland Hwy intersection (traffic light). Park entrance is 0.25 mile south of the intersection on Las Virgenes Rd. From Pacific Coast Hwy: north on Malibu Canyon Rd to Malibu Creek State Park entrance on left.
- 4 ***Castro Crest** Pacific Coast Hwy to Corral Canyon Rd (west of Malibu Canyon Rd). Follow Corral Canyon Rd to end (parking lot).
- 5 **Charmlee Wilderness Park** Pacific Coast Hwy, about 3 miles south of Ventura County line. Turn inland on Encinal Canyon Rd, 4 miles to park entrance on the left side of road.
- 6 ***Cheeseboro/Palo Comado Canyons** Ventura Fwy (101) to Chesebro Rd exit. Turn north on Palo Comado Canyon Rd then right on Chesebro Rd. Go north 1 mile to park entrance. Turn right and follow road to parking lot.
- 7 ***Circle X Ranch** Pacific Coast Hwy to Yerba Buena Rd. Turn inland; go 5.4 miles to Circle X Ranch contact station.
Sandstone Peak Trailhead: 1 mile north of Circle X Ranch contact station on Yerba Buena Rd. Parking lot is on left.
Mishe Mokwa Trailhead: 1.75 miles north of the Circle X contact station along Yerba Buena Road. Parking lot is on right.
- 8 **Cold Creek Preserve & Stunt Ranch Reserve Area** Ventura Fwy (101) to Topanga Canyon Blvd south to Mulholland Dr. Turn west (right) 0.25 mile. At Mulholland Hwy, turn left. Continue for 5 miles to Stunt Rd.
Lower Stunt High Trailhead: Turn left on Stunt Rd. 1 mile to pullout on right.
Preserve's Lower Gate: Turn left on Stunt Rd. 1.2 miles to pullout on right. Permit required for walk-in visitation. Preserve's Upper Gate: Turn left on Stunt Rd. 3.3 miles to pullout on left. Permit required for walk-in visitation.
Top of Stunt Rd: Intersection of Schueren, Saddle Peak and Stunt Rds.
- 9 **Coldwater Canyon Park** Ventura Fwy (101) Exit Coldwater Canyon Ave. Go south to intersection at Mulholland Dr. Entrance is on east (left) side.
- 10 **Franklin Canyon**
Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr (Upper Franklin Canyon): From Ventura Fwy (101), go 2.5 miles south on Coldwater Cyn Ave. At intersection with Mulholland Dr and Franklin Cyn Dr (directly across from Coldwater Canyon Park), turn right on Franklin Cyn Dr. Go 0.5 mile and turn left at sign for William O. Douglas Outdoor Classroom. Park in lot on left next to nature center. (To go to *Franklin Canyon Ranch*: continue south on the reservoir road and Franklin Canyon Dr. Turn left on Lake Dr.)
Franklin Canyon Ranch (Lower Franklin Canyon): From Sunset Blvd, turn north on Beverly Dr. Continue on Beverly Dr by veering left at "to Coldwater Cyn Dr" sign and left at intersection with Coldwater Cyn Dr (look for Beverly Hills Fire Station #2). Turn right on Franklin Canyon Dr. Go 1 mile and turn right on Lake Dr. Park at main lot at end of road. (To go to *Sooky Goldman Nature Center*: continue north on Franklin Canyon Dr, past Lake Dr. Turn right at sign for William O. Douglas Outdoor Classroom. Continue to parking lot on right.)
- 11 **Headwaters Corner** Ventura Fwy (101) Exit Mulholland Dr/Valley Cir. Go south on Mulholland Dr to Valmar Rd. Turn right on Valmar Rd. Continue south and veer right on Mulholland Hwy. Signed entrance will be on right.
- 12 **King Gillette Ranch** Ventura Fwy (101) Exit Las Virgenes Rd. Go 3 miles south on Las Virgenes Rd to Mulholland Hwy intersection (traffic light). Turn left on Mulholland Hwy. Park entrance is 0.1 mile on right.
- 13 **Leo Carrillo State Park** Pacific Coast Hwy at Mulholland Highway.
Nicholas Flat Trailhead From Pacific Coast Hwy, turn north on Decker Road. Travel approximately 2 miles and turn left on Decker School Road (not Decker School Lane). Follow road to the end.
- 14 **Malibu Bluffs Park** Pacific Coast Hwy at Malibu Canyon Road.
- 15 **Malibu Creek State Park** Ventura Fwy (101) Exit Las Virgenes Rd. Go 3 miles south on Las Virgenes Rd to Mulholland Hwy intersection (traffic light). Park entrance is 0.25 mile south of the intersection on Las Virgenes Rd. From Pacific Coast Hwy: north on Malibu Canyon Rd to park entrance on left.
Tapia Unit: Entrance is 1 mile south of entrance to Malibu Creek State Park.
Reagan Ranch: Ventura Fwy (101) to Kanan Rd exit. South on Kanan 0.5 mile. Left on Cornell Way and veer to right. South 3 miles to parking area on left (just past Mulholland Hwy).
Backbone Trailhead-Malibu Canyon Road: Ventura Fwy (101) Exit Las Virgenes Rd. Go south 5 miles to parking lot on right.
- 16 **Malibu Lagoon State Beach** Pacific Coast Hwy 0.25 mile west of Malibu Pier and 1.5 miles east of Malibu Canyon Rd. Parking lot on ocean side of highway at Cross Creek Rd.
Adamson House: 23200 Pacific Coast Hwy. Parking lot on ocean side of Pacific Coast Hwy opposite Serra Rd.
- 17 ***National Park Service Visitor Center/Headquarters for Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area** 401 West Hillcrest Dr, Thousand Oaks. Ventura Fwy (101) to Lynn Rd. North on Lynn Rd. Turn east (right) on Hillcrest Dr. Left on McCloud Ave. Turn into first driveway on your right. Follow road to the end. The visitor center is located in first building nearest road.
- 18 ***Paramount Ranch** Ventura Fwy (101) to Kanan Rd exit. South on Kanan 0.5 mile. Left on Cornell Way and veer to right. South 2.5 miles, entrance is on right side of the road.
- 19 ***Peter Strauss Ranch** Ventura Fwy (101) to Kanan Rd exit. South on Kanan Rd 2.8 miles. Turn left on Troutdale Dr to Mulholland Hwy. Left on Mulholland Hwy 400' then right into the parking lot. Walk back across the bridge on Mulholland Hwy and enter main gate to go into the ranch area.
- 20 **Point Dume State Preserve** Pacific Coast Hwy to Westward Beach Rd in Malibu. Turn south and follow road to parking lot.
- 21 **Point Mugu State Park** Pacific Coast Hwy, 4 miles west of the Ventura County line. Enter park at Sycamore Canyon Campground.
Ray Miller Trailhead: 1.6 miles west of Sycamore Canyon Campground along Pacific Coast Hwy.
- 22 **R. H. Meyer Memorial State Beaches** Pacific Coast Hwy near Encinal Canyon Rd.
- 23 ***Rancho Sierra Vista/Satwiwa** Ventura Fwy (101) to Lynn Rd exit. South on Lynn Rd 5.25 miles to Via Goleta. Park entrance is on the left.
Satwiwa Native American Indian Culture Center: Walk 0.3 mile up gravel road from the parking area to brown wooden building.
Wendy Trailhead: Ventura Fwy (101) to Wendy Dr. exit. South on Wendy Dr to dirt pullout at intersection with Potrero Rd.

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*Site map available at www.nps.gov/samo
**Site map available at www.lamountains.com

24 Red Rock Canyon Ventura Fwy (101) to Topanga Canyon Blvd, south to Mulholland Dr. Turn west (right). At Mulholland Hwy turn left. Drive 5 miles to Stunt Rd. Turn left. Drive 1 mile to "Stunt High Trail" sign. Park on wide dirt area on the right side of road. Cross Stunt Rd and hike 1.5 miles on Calabasas Peak Fire Road into canyon.

25 *Rocky Oaks Ventura Fwy (101) to Kanan Rd. South on Kanan Rd to Mulholland Hwy. Turn west (right) on Mulholland Hwy and right again into parking lot.

26 Runyon Canyon Park Hollywood Fwy (101) to Highland Av. South to Franklin Ave. West on Franklin to Fuller, north on Fuller to dead end. Park on street. North Entrance 2.6 miles east of Laurel Canyon Blvd on Mulholland Dr.

27 *Solstice Canyon From Pacific Coast Hwy turn inland on Corral Canyon Rd. Drive 0.25 mile to park entrance on left.

Satwiwa Native American Indian Culture Center See #23.

Sooky Goldman Nature Center
See #10.

28 Stunt Ranch Reserve See #8.

29 Tapia Park See #15.

30 Temescal Gateway Park From Pacific Coast Hwy, turn inland on Temescal Canyon Rd. Cross Sunset Blvd.

31 Topanga State Park South from Ventura Fwy (101) or north from Pacific Coast Hwy on Topanga Canyon Blvd to Entrada Rd on east (left) side of road. Turn east on Entrada Rd and make two left turns to stay on Entrada Rd to park entrance.

Dead Horse Trailhead: From Topanga Canyon Blvd, turn East on Entrada Rd. Parking lot is 900' on left.

Los Lions Trailhead: From Pacific Coast Hwy turn inland on Sunset Blvd. Continue on Sunset Blvd for 0.25 mile and turn left on Los Lions Dr. Follow road to the end.



Note: To check the degree of handicap accessibility to a site, please contact the sponsoring agency or National Park Service for information.

* Sites managed by the National Park Service

32 Wilacre Park Ventura Fwy (101) to Laurel Canyon Blvd, south 1.5 miles to Fryman Rd. Turn right and park along street. Entrance on Fryman Rd just off of Laurel Canyon Blvd.

33 Will Rogers State Historic Park 1501 Will Rogers State Park Rd, Pacific Palisades. Pacific Coast Hwy to Sunset Blvd. Inland 5 miles on Sunset Blvd. Entrance signs on left side of road.

34 *Zuma/Trancas Canyons

Zuma Ridge Trailhead: Pacific Coast Hwy to Busch Drive (near Zuma Beach). Go north on Busch Drive until it ends.

Zuma Canyon Trailhead: Pacific Coast Hwy to Busch Drive (near Zuma Beach). Go north on Busch Drive. Turn right on Rainsford Place. Turn left on Bonsall Drive. Parking lot at end of road.

Newton Canyon Trailhead: Ventura Fwy (101) to Kanan Rd. South on Kanan past Mulholland Hwy. Paved pullout is about 1.75 miles south of Mulholland on right, just north of Tunnel 1.

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